



REMARKS

New claims 2-3 are directed to further aspects of applicants' invention. These claims are supported by disclosure throughout the specification. See, e.g., page 8, lines 1-7 and Examples 1-4.

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In The Claims

Please add the following new claims:

-- 24. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein A is Gly, Ala, derivatized Gly or derivatized Ala, and wherein derivatized Gly is selected from the N-methyl, N-ethyl, N-propyl, N-benzyl, and C α -methyl derivatives and the methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, tert-butyl, neopentyl, or benzyl esters of the side chain carboxyl group, and derivatized Ala is selected from the N-methyl, N-ethyl, N-propyl, N-benzyl, and C α -methyl derivatives and the methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, tert-butyl, neopentyl, or benzyl esters of the side chain carboxyl group.

25. A compound according to Claim 20, wherein A is Gly, Ala, derivatized Gly or derivatized Ala, and wherein derivatized Gly is selected from the N-methyl, N-ethyl, N-propyl, N-benzyl, and C α -methyl derivatives and the methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, tert-butyl, neopentyl, or benzyl esters of the side chain carboxyl group, and derivatized Ala is selected from the N-methyl, N-ethyl, N-propyl, N-benzyl, and C α -methyl derivatives and the methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, tert-butyl, neopentyl, or benzyl esters of the side chain carboxyl group. --

26. A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is Gly.

27. A compound according to claim 20, wherein A is Gly.

28. A compound according to claim 1, wherein, in formula II, n is 2, m is 1, R¹ is H, and R² is H.

29. A compound according to claim 20, wherein, in formula II, n is 2, m is 1, R¹ is H, and R² is H.

30. A compound according to claim 1, wherein C is -CO-CH₂-CO-, -CO-CH₂CH₂-CO-, or -CO-CH₂CH₂CH₂-CO-.

31. A compound according to claim 20, wherein C is -CO-CH₂-CO-, -CO-CH₂CH₂-CO-, or -CO-CH₂CH₂CH₂-CO-. --